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Cultural events bounce back in city

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MK, RKB & BCT)- After being the hardest hit by COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020 with many of the events migrating to online platforms, the cultural, creative and exhibition sectors are back in action in Mysuru in full flow, albeit with precautions.

With Dasara days ahead, the events are only bound to pick up with people venturing out of their homes armed with the confidence of vaccination and at the same time following COVID-appropriate behaviour.

The opening came days after the city began easing out of lockdown and weekend curfew, but remnants of the pandemic are everywhere. While many museums, exhibition halls and galleries are still closed, an attempt is being made to open a few cultural destinations to adapt to a new reality and find ways to survive until restrictions can be fully relaxed.

Notable among the art and culture venues that have been opened up is the Rangayana where a week-long 'Bharatiya Rangasangeetha - Natakotsava' is beginning from this evening. The event marks theatre great B.V. Karanth's birth anniversary and the events will be held at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi in Rangayana premises.

Apart from events associated with the Natakotsava like Sufi Music by Mukthiar Ali and troupe of Rajasthan today and a seminar 'Rangabheehmara Rangavalokana' on the concluding day (Sept. 26), acclaimed writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's play 'Parva' will also be staged on Sept. 25. Another six shows of the mega play are scheduled at Rangayana on Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 23 and 24.

For today's events, Rangayana has been decorated to sport a festive look and B.V. Karanth permeates the entire campus.

Bahuroopi-2021

The annual Theatre Festival Bahuroopi-2021 will be held at Rangayana between Oct. 25 and 31. Before that, a host of cultural events will be held in the city as part of Dasara, though it is touted to be a low-key one. Of course, the events will be held keeping in mind the restrictions on number of audience.

Apart from Rangayana, B.V. Karanth's birth anniversary, Rangageethe and staging of Dr. Girish Karnad's play 'Hayavadana' by Sanchalana Theatre Troupe will be open for audience at Natana Rangashale in Ramakrishnanagar today at 6 pm.

(See EVENTS on page 6)

Four Palace elephants to be rehabilitated in Gujarat

Forest Department begins process; animals were part of Palace elephant safari

Kamala Karikalan

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MTY & BCT)- Four out of six female elephants from the Mysore Palace will be shifted to a rehabilitation centre in Gujarat. The elephants are stationed inside the Palace and are being taken care of by the erstwhile Mysore royal family.

A letter in this regard has been sent to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) K. Kamala Karikalan by senior forest officials from Centre and Wildlife Protection Fund. Accordingly, elephants Seetha, Ruby, Gemini and Rajeshwari will be shifted while Chanchala and Preethi will remain with the Palace.

(See ELEPHANTS on page 9)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 19th September 2021

AGM of Gokulam Kodava Sangha on Sept. 26

Mysuru, Sept.19- The 15th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Gokulam Kodava Sangha will be held on Sept. 26 (Sunday) at 3.30 pm at Kodava Samaja (Ground Floor), Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru.

Nayakanda U. Appaya, Sangha President, will preside over the meeting.

Felicitation: On the occasion, Sangha members' children who have excelled in the field of education (7th Std., SSLC, II PUC, Graduation, Post-Graduation and Technical Courses) in the academic year 2020-21 and those who have excelled in other fields also will be felicitated.

Those eligible may submit copies of their marks card or certificate before 5 pm on Sept. 20 to Sangha Secretary Myndapanda A. Thimmanna (Mob: 90361-47871). Applications received late will not be considered, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

You could fight over the best way to make chai — how much milk to add, what leaves to use, whether to use ginger or cardamom. But the one thing everyone can agree on is that no homemade cuppa comes close to the tapriwale bhaiyya's fragrant, full-bodied "cutting", served hot in a chipped glass. And while you could study your favourite chai vendor's tricks diligently, one reason you can never get that exact taste could be down to something as basic — and as overlooked — as the water.

As it turns out, purified water is not ideal for chai-making. It may even be to blame for the sweet, milky, brown liquid that you end up drinking in place of the strong, refreshing brew that you crave. Researchers at ETH Zurich have found that certain minerals responsible for water hardness can cause a film to appear on the surface of tea, thus trapping aromas that might otherwise escape and cause a depletion of flavour. Meaning that the purer the water, the less tasty your tea.

This, of course, vindicates those who have long held that "pure" is not "best", especially as far as food is concerned. And it could explain why, despite the proliferation of "Bisleri" chaats and artistically plated, upmarket versions of bhelpuri and vada pav, we would rather crowd around our favourite purveyor of street food, who accepts cash with the same food-stained hands that he uses to cook. As many have theorised — those with weak stomachs may stop reading here — the grime and sweat that find their way into much-loved roadside snacks are part of their flavour profile and, whether you admit it or not, among the reasons you keep going back for more. Pure water? Pshaw! Let's have some slightly-fermented golgappe ka paani, please.

— In The Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

820-foot bridge in Ontario earns Guinness Record

Ontario: An 820-foot bridge suspended over an Ontario highway was awarded a Guinness World Record as the world's longest enclosed pedestrian bridge.

The Pickering pedestrian bridge, which was built by Metrolinx over Highway 401, was verified by Guinness as the world's longest enclosed pedestrian bridge after it was officially measured at 820 feet long.

Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins said the bridge was completed in September 2018 and the transit agency decided to apply for the Guinness World Record in 2020. Aikins said the process of applying for the record and getting approved by Guinness took over a year. The bridge, which connects the Pickering Go Train station to the Pickering Town Center, stretches over 14 lanes of highway, six railway tracks and a city road.

UFO house for sale

Chattanooga: Ever wanted to live in a flying saucer? You can if you have at least $100.000. That's the starting price for this odd looking UFO-shaped house, which is for sale on Ebay so look it up if you can afford it. It's based in Chattanooga, Tennessee and it was built by the late Curtis W. King because he liked to build unusual things.

The current owner, only had it for four months and he didn't comment on why he wanted to sell it, but it might have something to do with the interior design options, the side walls are very very short and the ceiling, as you can imagine, is very curved.

I wouldn't want to live there, even though it's equipped with everything a normal home needs. But then again I'm not that fond of UFOs.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Can I have an allergic reaction due to anaesthesia?

Sometimes people have an allergic reaction to anaesthetic drugs. Symptoms are like any other allergic reaction. If you've experienced a reaction before, let your anaesthesiologist know.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anaesthesiology

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Surabhi Ganakala Mandira starts online series

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira is a well-known music institution in Mysuru, which presents very interesting and attractive classical music and musical features two to three times every year. But 'Surabhi' could not continue its good practice due to the pandemic. However, 'Surabhi' has started its own YouTube channel and is uploading many programmes every now and then. It has already released 97 videos since June 2020 which include Kamalamba Navavarana krithis, Abhayamba krithis, Devi krithis, "Antahpura Geethegalu" of DVG (including a dance feature 'Bhasma Mohini') and patriotic songs. All these have been well-appreciated by viewers.

Now, 'Surabhi' has started a new series titled "Mugive karava Navagrahagalige" which comprises the singing of Navagraha krithis of Muttuswamy Dixitar, the meaning of the lyrics in Kannada, analysis of the musical and lyrical specialities of each krithi and exclusive discussions on many topics related to Navagrahas. The series was launched on Sept.4 and is spread over 9 weeks. Two krithis and two discussions have been aired since two weeks.

'Surabhi' requests music-lovers to enlighten themselves with the knowledge of various aspects of Navagraha krithis of different composers by watching and subscribing the YouTube channel [Dr.SukanyaPrabhakar youtube link: https//youtube.com/channel/UC7KzJzU4CP-DO5E7N7Y_kN_w].

— Lalitha Srinivasan

REALLY...?

- *A popsicle is a water or milk-based frozen snack on a stick.*
- *Unlike ice cream or sorbet, which are whipped while freezing to prevent ice crystal formation, a popsicle is "quiescently" frozen — frozen while at rest — and becomes a solid block of ice.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What is an island ?

A piece of land surrounded by water except on one side.

On one side ?

Yes, on top !

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.06
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.41

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 18
Day's Positive Cases	46	74
Total Positive Cases	1,77,149	1,77,223
Day's Discharges	41	68
Total Discharges	1,74,211	1,74,279
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	2,377	2,377
Total Active Cases	561	567

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

More about David Syiem, our ex-Corporation Commissioner

Sir,

It was in February 1978, I got my new house in Gokulam 3rd Stage. I went to the Mysuru City Corporation and requested the officials there about fixing annual rental value and tax for my house and submitted my application.

David Syiem

I was advised to meet the concerned **Revenue Inspector (RI).** When I met him, he told me that he had to inspect my house personally. I took him to my house on the fixed day. He saw the house and told me that he would fix Rs. 1,000 as annual rental value and I should pay him Rs.100 for that favour.

I told him that I would meet him in the Corporation Office on a particular day. Then I thought why I should pay him for doing his official duty, and decided not to pay any bribe. Later I started going every week, and I was asked to go and meet the RI on Tuesday or Friday.

When I went on Tuesday, I was asked to go on Friday. Then it became a routine for me to go to the Corporation Office almost every Tuesday and Friday. **It continued for about 3 months.**

Then one day I met the **Assistant Revenue Officer** who expressed his inability to help me stating that the rental value had to be fixed by the concerned RI only.

Fed up with all this, I complained to the **Revenue Officer** who instructed the RI to attend to my work. **But nothing happened for another 3 months.**

Then one evening, **I decided to meet the then Corporation Commissioner Mr. David Syiem.** I wrote my name on a slip and sent inside. He called me immediately and told me that as the time was about 5.30 pm many staff would have left the office for the day. He suggested me to call him on phone the next day but I told the Commissioner that I would personally meet him the next afternoon.

I promptly went to the Commissioner's Office and sent my slip. He asked me to sit inside and went out. After a few minutes, I heard noises of somebody shouting loudly in broken Kannada. I was surprised to learn that it was the Commissioner who personally went to the ground floor and brought the RI shouting at him.

The Commissioner was furious and told the RI to get my file in five minutes which he brought in three minutes saying that the file was lying at the bottom of a wooden box.

The Commissioner asked me for the size of the built-in area of my house. I told him 10 squares. He took some other file lying there and told me, 'This house is of 8 squares and the rental value is fixed as Rs.800, your house is of 10 squares, so I will fix Rs. 1,000.' That was Mr. David Syiem.

I felt very sorry when I came to know that Mr. Syiem met with a swimming pool accident and died. I frequently remember him even now after 40 years.

—V.N. Kasturi
Mysuru
16.9.2021

Gruha Shobhe International Living Style Exhibition begins

Replica of Singapore Tower special attraction

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda and Ward No.52 Corporator M. Chaya Naveen jointly inaugurated Gruha Shobhe International Living Style Exhibition at Dasara Exhibition Grounds here on Sept. 16. Nagachandra, Director, Simon Exhibitors and others were present on the occasion.

The expo is a must-visit for people who are on the lookout for bargains in furniture of different varieties, electronic items, household appliances such as solar products, power saver, mixers, grinders, refrigerators, washing machines, TV, juicers, water purifiers, vegetable choppers of various makes, apart from hair dryers, hair straighteners and even body massagers.

Special attraction of this expo is a replica of Singapore Tower with lighting.

Various food stalls serving delicious snacks are another point of attraction for visitors at Gruha Shobhe. Children can have a great time at the amusement park and enjoy the games. **The exhibition is open to public from 11 am to 9 pm till Oct.3.**

Over 150 members undergo health check-up at MDJA

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RK)- Members of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) and their family members underwent free health check-up under the aegis of SeCURE Hospital at MDJA premises yesterday.

At the health camp held from 8.30 am to 3 pm, general check-up including BP, sugar, ECG tests were conducted along with consultation and distribution of free medicines.

SeCURE Hospital Head Dr. Sridhar, who spoke on the occasion, suggested journalists to go for health check-ups on a regular basis as their profession involves more stress which may lead to BP and sugar variations.

Doctors Dr. Vishwas, Dr. Aishwarya Ramesh, Dr. Nivedita Gowda, Dr. Chetan, General Manager Periya, Administrative Officer Taporaju, Nursing Superintendent Keshav, Niranjan, Joshpa, Shivu, Chikkaswamy, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Gen. Secretary M. Subramanya, Vice-President Anurag Basavaraj, Secretary P. Rangaswamy, Executive Committee Members Rangaswamy Madapura, Krishnojirao, Shivamurthy, Juptimath and other journalists were present on the occasion.

Felicitation

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Mysuru District Disabled Welfare Officer Malini will be felicitated at her office at 12.30 pm tomorrow (Sept. 20) by Karnataka State Differently Abled's Multipurpose Rehabilitation Workers (MRW), Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRW), Urban Rehabilitation Workers (URW) and Federation of District Organisations.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student hostel for Veerashaivas

The Veerashaiva Anathalaya Trust, Ramanuja Road, Mysuru, has invited applications from economically backward rural Veerashaiva students to avail hostel facility. Students studying in PUC and first year BA, B.Sc, B.Com and BBM in the academic year 2021-22 may apply. Prescribed application forms can be obtained till Sept. 24. Students will be selected through an interview at 10 am on Sept. 26. Interested may call: 99166-50106.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru Mattu Chamarajanagar Jilla Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mathadipatigala Goshti has invited applications from Veerashaiva-Lingayat students of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, who have secured high marks in the 2020-21 SSLC exams (both State & Central syllabus) to present Pratibha Puraskar (cash prize). Filled-in applications should be submitted to the office of the Goshti at Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru and submit the filled-in forms before Sept. 30. [Mob: 94490-30588].

AGM on Sept. 26

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Divya Samaja Nirmana Credit Co-op. Society Ltd. will be held at The Mysore City Co-op. Housing Society Ltd., Chamaraja Double Road, Mysuru, on Sept. 26 at 10 am. Society President B.S. Srinath will preside. [Ph: 0821-2449449].

Calling farmers

District Agriculture Training Centre has organised a day-long training on 'Battada Beleyalli Samagra Poshakamsha, Roga mattu Keetagala Nirvahane' (Nutrition in Paddy, Disease Management) for farmers of Mysuru district on Sept. 21 and 23. Interested farmers, including women, may register their names at the Centre, says a press release from the Dy. Director of Agriculture. Interested may contact Assistant Director of Agriculture H.B. Madhulatha on Mob: 82779-33179, for registration.

Ph.D awardee

JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, has awarded Ph.D in Life Sciences to **M. Tej Ganapathy** for her thesis 'Analysing the role of bioactive molecule Bergenin in modulating neuro-inflammation' [Guide: Dr. J.R. Kumar].

More political literature will help in purification of politics: MLC

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Literary Award conferred on Dr. Y.D. Rajanna

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (SBD&DM)- Observing that Kannada literary world will be incomplete without the embodiment of political literature, MLC A.H. Vishwanath called for more literary works on politics.

He was speaking at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Literary Award presentation ceremony organised by Devaraj Urs Pratime Pratishtapana Samiti, Mysuru, at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here on Friday. The award was conferred on Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, the Immediate Past President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

Noting that people representatives right from the Gram Panchayat (GP) level to Parliament should come up with their experiences on public life in the form of books, Vishwanath regretted that politics and politicians are seen as tainted in the eyes of the public.

Maintaining that this notion may change if people begin to read political literature more and more, he wanted the Kannada Sahitya Parishat to encourage authors who write political works.

Referring to the installation of the statue of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs in the city, Vishwanath urged the Government to install the statue of the late former CM, who was known as the champion of Backward Classes.

Earlier, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that Dr. Y.D. Rajanna has been rendering service to Kannada for the past 25 years and has held numerous programmes.

Contending that the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat got a new look when Dr. Rajanna headed it, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana was held successfully in the city a few years ago when Dr. Rajanna headed the district Unit.

Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) presided. Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Kannada activists Mugur Nanjundaswamy and Shivashankar, Urs Prathime Prathishtapana Samiti President Zakir Hussain, MUDA Member Lakshmidevi, Dairy Venkatesh and others were present during the programme.

Minister announces grants for Hootagalli CMC

MTB Nagaraj

Bengaluru, Sept. 19 (KMS&DM)- In some relief for the newly formed Civic Bodies of Mysuru, Municipal Administration Minister MTB Nagaraj said that money has been released for Hootagalli CMC (City Municipal Council) and Kadakola, Srirampura, Rammanahalli and Bogadi Town Panchayats (TPs) of Mysuru, for infrastructure development works.

The Minister was replying to a question by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) and others during the Question Hour of the State Legislature on Friday.

Maintaining that Rs. 75 lakh has been released for Hootagalli CMC and four TPs of Mysuru have got Rs. 30 lakh each, Nagaraj said that Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) and other officials will be directed to take up necessary infrastructure development works, with focus on waste disposal and management.

GTD contended that the newly formed Civic Bodies of Mysuru, which came into being more than 6 months ago, have been rendered inactive for want of funds.

Noting that the staff of these Civic Bodies were not getting salaries and also there was no waste disposal system and hygiene maintenance system in place, the MLA laid threadbare the financial and other problems that the new Civic Bodies were facing.

GTD also demanded immediate release of Rs. 10 crore for the new Civic Bodies. Responding to the MLA's plea, Minister assured to take up the issue with the DC and provide more funds for taking up infrastructure development works.

Mini Vidhana Soudha to come up at Kushalnagar

R. Ashoka

Bengaluru, Sept. 19 (PS&DM)- With Kushalnagar in Kodagu district becoming a Taluk Centre, a Mini Vidhana Soudha will be built at Kushalnagar at a cost of Rs. 10 crore, according to Revenue Minister R. Ashoka.

Replying to a question by Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan in the Legislative Assembly on Friday, R. Ashoka said that the process of identifying land for the construction of the Mini Vidhana Soudha has begun.

Pointing out that the construction of the building will start once the land is identified, he said that a Rs. 10 crore grant will be provided for the construction.

Replying to the MLA's another question on distribution of land to Ex-Servicemen, Ashoka said that 544 Ex-Servicemen from Kodagu district have sought land and 56 of them have been allotted land. In respect of others, the Government will begin the allotment depending upon the availability of land, he added.

Replying to yet another question on Land conversion issue, the Minister said that a total of 3,413 applications have been received in the period from Jan. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2021 seeking land use conversion, out of which 1,544 applications have been accepted, while 952 have been rejected and the rest 917 are kept pending. He pointed out that 1,383 out of the accepted applications have been disposed off by allowing permission for land use conversion.

With reducing growing areas...

Nanjangud Rasabale faces threat of losing its market

Bengaluru, Sept. 19- The famous Nanjangud Rasabale, grown in Mysuru and Chamarajangar districts and famous for its unique taste and aroma and also registered under Geographical Indicators (GI), seems to be fast losing its special place in the market as the growing area of the special species of Banana fruit is on a steady decline over the past few months.

Replying to a question by MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Horticulture Minister Munirathna said that Nanjangud Rasabale which has a GI tag, is now grown in only 12.5 acres, with 18 farmers cultivating the GI tagged fruit.

Pointing out that the Horticulture Department is providing a subsidy of Rs. 40,754 per acre for promotion of the special species of Banana, he said that several other measures are in place for encouraging the farmers to take cup cultivation of the fruit.

Munirathna further said that the Horticulture Department, under the Prime Minister's Krushi Sanchaya Yojane, will provide 90 percent subsidy up to two hectares for farmers who are installing drip irrigation system.

Maintaining that Nanjangud Rasabale has great demand both in local and outside markets, the Minister said that Betel Leaves of Mysuru too has been accorded the GI tag.

Consumers owe City Corporation Rs. 195 crore in water bills

Pay pending water dues or face disconnection: MCC warns defaulters

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RK&DM)- In a fresh bid to recover water tax dues from defaulters, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has warned such consumers of disconnecting their water supply and underground drainage connection.

In a press release, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy said that the water bill dues of domestic, non-domestic, industrial consumers etc., has run up to a whopping Rs. 195 crore. With such a high amount of dues, the MCC is finding it difficult to manage the water supply system in the city that covers all 65 Wards of MCC. As such, all the consumers are required to co-operate with the MCC by clearing their water tax/bill dues at the earliest without fail. Else, the MCC has no other option than disconnecting water supplies and UGD connections of water tax defaulters, the release said.

Disconnection drive

Meanwhile, it is learnt that following a direction from the MCC Commissioner, the MCC officials have launched the drive for disconnecting water supplies and drainage connections.

Sources said that the MCC, which had started issuance of notices to defaulters a week ago, has now embarked on a disconnection drive with the staff visiting about 50-60 defaulter homes every day for recovery of water tax dues.

G. Lakshmikantha Reddy

Major defaulters

Out of the Rs.195 crore dues that the MCC is to get, the offices of Government Departments account for Rs. 60 crore, which form a major chunk of the dues.

The major defaulting Departments include CESC, Health Centres run by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Police Residential Quarters etc. Also, villages around the city that receive water supplies from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), account for Rs. 24 crore dues.

As MCC is facing a severe financial crunch, it has become inevitable for the Civic Body to recover all dues to it under various heads, including water tax.

With the recovery drive, MCC hopes to push up its coffers at least to some extent so as to meet a significant percentage of its maintenance expenditures.

C.A. site-seekers can apply from Sept. 25

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RK&DM)- Setting in motion the process for allotment of more than 300 C.A. (Civic Amenities) sites, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) will start receiving application forms for the same from Sept. 25.

Announcing this at a press meet at MUDA Office on JLB Road here yesterday, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that the applications will be issued for a month from Sept. 23 till Oct. 22 and filled-in applications, along with all supporting documents, will be received from Sept. 25 till Oct. 30.

Pointing out that C.A. site-seekers can obtain the application forms from the MUDA's Spandana Counter by paying Rs. 1,000 as application fee, he said that only registered Co-operative Societies, educational institutions, Associations having a religious purpose, Government Departments and Trusts, covering 24 different priority sectors can apply for C.A. sites.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a press meet at MUDA Office on JLB Road in city yesterday as MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and Member Lakshmidevi look on.

Continuing, Rajeev said that Government Departments, Kannada Medium Schools, SC/ST and Differently-abled Welfare Associations will be allotted sites with a 50 percent discount. 18 percent of the C.A. sites up for allotment will be reserved for SC organisations, 3 percent for ST organisations and 2 percent for disabled welfare organisations, he added.

Explaining the process of applying, Rajeev said that **the site applicants will have to submit 2 separate Demand Drafts (DD) — one for Registration fee and the other for initial deposit — drawn in favour of MUDA Commissioner or make payment through RTGS/NEFT — IFSC: BARBOVJMUDA, Account No. 89260100004791, Bank of Baroda, MUDA Branch.**

Pointing out that MUDA has fixed Rs. 2,100 per sq. mt as the price for C.A. sites, the MUDA Chairman said that the site-seekers can apply for three sites on priority basis in a single application form.

Highlighting the yardstick for applying, Rajeev said that the applicant Co-operative Societies and Trusts must be registered ones, with an annual report of at least 3 years.

Maintaining that no C.A. site will be allotted to individuals, he said that eligible Associations and Organisations will be distributed sites on a 30-year lease basis and the allottees will have to pay instalments in 90 days of allotment. Also, the allottees are required to construct buildings within three years only for the purpose which they sought the C.A. sites and there is no provision for any sub-lease. Further, the applications received during the earlier notification will not be considered for a fresh sanction of C.A. site, he said.

Rajeev also said that 188 C.A. sites that were allotted in the past have been cancelled as the allottees violated the purpose of allotment and also for other violations.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, members Linganna, Naveen Kumar, K. Madesh and Lakshmidevi were present at the press meet.

Demand Survey for Group Housing Project

Rajeev further said that MUDA has launched a Demand Survey for its ambitious Group Housing Project that is coming up at three places in the city, through Mobile App — **MYSURU UDA.**

Pointing out that 580 people have responded to the survey so far, out of which 380 have already registered for submission of application forms, he said that it has been planned to construct 1,980 houses under the Group Housing Project, that is proposed to come up near Ramakrishnanagar Circle, Vijayanagar and Sathagalli. Those who are interested in purchasing houses can express their intent through the App, he added.

MUDA extends deadline for house allottees

The MUDA has extended the deadline for allottees who were sanctioned HIG, MIG and EWS houses under HUDCO and OYHS (Own Your House Scheme) for payment of instalment dues along with interest till Mar. 31, 2022.

The house allottees who defaulted on timely payment of instalments have been asked to use this opportunity and make repayments within the notified deadline (Mar. 31, 2022). The sanction of houses will be cancelled if the house owners fail to pay the balance instalments along with interest in full, according to a press release issued by the MUDA Commissioner.

The release further said that the house allottees can get the Sale Deed upon payment of all pending instalments and warned that action will be taken as per rules against defaulters for non-payment of instalment dues.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

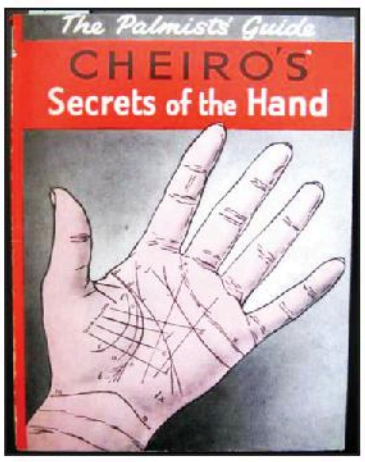
A fortune-teller reveals his secrets!

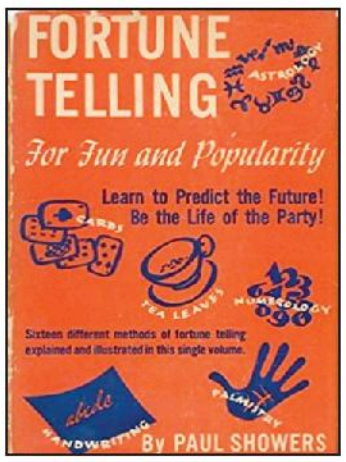
In my last two articles, I had talked of how I once posed as a palmist while on a train journey with my friends and impressed people, albeit briefly. After reading the first part of my article, many readers who thought that I must really be a capable palm reader, started contacting me and asking me if I could be kind enough to read their palms and minds. To every one of them I replied that they would certainly change their minds after reading the second part of my article although they would certainly not be able to change their palms after I had read them!

But even to pose as a capable palmist or fortune-teller and be able to impress people, one has to first acquire the fine nuances of the art that are so integrally intertwined into it. **According to me, this is the more essential part of the art which most people in the trade cultivate and acquire, well before setting off to make an impact on the minds of people which enables them to make a living from it.** Without this very essential charm they can only end up being completely charmless!

There was a time many years ago, when I had much spare time to read up about this art in which I had absolutely no faith then, just as I do not have now and become quite proficient in it, after peppering it with a little gift of the gab! At small gatherings of friends and relatives, I used to sound pretty impressive and convincing when I used to analyse their personalities on popular demand, just as I impressed my audience and astounded the nun on the train journey I've written about. I was able to do this with greater ease and greater impact because I used to flaunt my skills not only in the field of palmistry but also at handwriting analysis both of which deal with having a clairvoyant insight into the minds and hearts of people.

Talking of skills, in the art of fortune telling, one has to be able to support at least some of his or her revelations on the basis of some fundamental tenets of the art which will invariably be known to someone or the other in the audience as being true. So if you are showing off as a palmist you have to know the bare minimum basics

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of what the most prominent lines and different humps and bumps on the palm stand for. **Once armed with this knowledge, you can give any twist or turn to what the smaller and fainter lines mean or do not mean and yet sound like a professor of the art!** And, if you are dabbling in astrology and plan to take your audience on a fake trip across the largely uncharted universe, you should at least know which of the planets and stars stand for good and bad. **If you end up saying *Rahu* and *Ketu* are doing to them what they should not be doing according to their traditional roles, you are bound to expose yourself as being a complete charlatan and thus be at the grave risk of being shunned and shown the door!**

Now if you are wondering how I acquired these skills sufficiently enough to impress people, I would like to tell you that I started cultivating them at a very early stage of my childhood. My first inspiration came from my great fascination for the many itinerant fortune tellers that I used to see plying their trade quite briskly on the pavement in front of **K.R. Hospital and Cauvery Emporium on Sayyaji Rao Road.** The main element of attraction for me there was the way their pet parrots used to walk three times around the pile of grimy cards before smartly picking up the exact one holding the clue to your destiny! And, having done their job, every one of these parrots, like very obedient school children, would walk back into their cages to be promptly rewarded by a few grains of rice or millet by their owners.

The most surprising thing for me then was why none of these wise parrots thought it wiser to just fly off from such a boring bondage and join the thousands of their footloose and fancy-free cousins roosting and raising a deafening cacophony on the tree branches just overhead. The mystery of their strange loyalty and servitude to their miserly masters was solved when I found out as I grew up, that their wing feathers were most cruelly clipped from time to time to prevent them from flying off from their life-long bondage and imprisonment.

After the parrot had done its job and although it made no sense to my comprehension then, I would nevertheless be impressed by the confident and scholarly way in which the unlettered owner of the parrot would pretend to read out what the cards foretold to the squatting client, who listen intently with an anxious countenance. Whether the clients gained anything from the revelation of their past or the prediction of their future mattered not in the least to the gains of the fortune-teller because they would all have paid his fee well in advance for consultation. And this fee, after being most reverentially waved three times around the picture of a deity, would have been pocketed safely by the fortune-teller, well before summoning his bird for its duty, thus putting him at the least financial risk!

Humour aside, very sadly, over the many years I have watched them, I have never seen the slightest change in the fortunes of any of the fortune-tellers themselves, who have been consigned by cruel fate to a hard and harsh life of abject poverty on the hard and dusty pavement! Years later, as a College student, I learnt that those trees on Sayyaji Rao Road, which are now fast disappearing along with their cacophonic guests, and the fortune-tellers too whom they have sheltered from the sun over so many years, were called **Saptaparni** or **Scholar Trees (Alstonia scholaris)** of the **Apocynaceae** family. Incidentally, I associate them with our Dasara because these trees will begin to flower next month and if you wish, you can visit the place to imbibe the strong sweet smell of their clustered, greenish-white flowers that will stay on till the end of December. **And, while you are there, you can also listen to the rather harsh music of birds free of cost, while of course watching out for their not-so-nice smelling droppings which too come free of cost and are even considered a lucky occurrence by many people, both lettered and unlettered!**

The second reason for my interest in the art of fortune-telling also had its origin from my childhood because of two books which used to stand next to each other in my father's book cupboard. They were **Cheiro's Secrets of the Hand** and **Fortune-telling for Fun and Popularity by Paul Showers.** The second one is a real treat because it tells you how you can impress people with your seemingly occult powers by touching upon some traits and quirks which unknown to most people, are present in every one of us!

Even as a child, I used to read them with great fascination and delight, although my dad would repeatedly warn me that they should be read only for fun and not with any idea of profiting from them! I still have those two books with me along with a few others on handwriting analysis, which I have acquired later out of my interest in exploring that fascinating subject too. And, although I am myself amazed even to this day, by what I have gleaned from them, many people approach me to analyse their own handwriting and sometimes the handwriting of people they want to hire for a job they have. **Most surprisingly, a few others even ask me to analyse the handwriting of someone they are considering for a matrimonial alliance! Thankfully, perhaps because they have all remained happily married, my skills too have stood the test of time and remained in demand over a pretty long time!**

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Cultural events bounce back in city

(Continued from page 1)

Event destinations: A series of events are being held at Vanaranga, Sriranga and Bhoomigeeta auditoriums in Rangayana premises, Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium, Town Hall, Institution of Engineers, Rotary Hall, Senate Bhavan and also KSOU Auditorium.

Even small events held beyond the city centre in residential areas with limited gathering too are gaining momentum.

The annual 'Bombe Mane,' an expo of exquisite dolls from across India, has been opened by Ramsons Kala Pratishtana in Nazarbad and as if an icing on the cake, 'Gruha Shobhe' Lifestyle expo in Dasara Exhibition Grounds and several handicrafts expo are underway in city.

Both online and offline

Interestingly, the response from the audience is good. Beyond the number of people who are attending physical events, there is a 95 percent increase in engagement on social media and other online platforms and people around the world are connecting with art.

The COVID crisis has transformed how the cultural scene operates in the long term as more and more people are engaging online and also they are attending physical events.

This means there will be an expansion of the audience to whom the event organisers can reach out through online and offline medium.

Admission for BA Fine Arts, Diploma

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Applications have been invited for admissions to BA (Fine Arts) and Diploma courses in the University Fine Arts College for the year 2021-22.

Karnatak classical music (vocal and instrumental — veena, flute & violin), dance (bharatanatyam), drama gamaka and mridanga subjects can be taken up in BA (Fine Arts) of six semester (3 years) in CBCS system.

In annual scheme of two years, Diploma in Karnatak classical music (vocal and instruemental - veena & flute), dance (bharatanatyam), drama studies and mridanga can be taken up.

Last date to obtain application form is Sept. 24. Last date to submit filled-in forms is Sept. 30.

For details, contact the University Fine Arts College Principal's office on Ph: 0821-2419586 or Mob: 94497-03616, 98458-38506 or 98459-71662, according to a press release.

More than 300 pet dogs vaccinated in free drive

Pet owners waiting for their turn at the free vaccination drive for pet dogs held at the Government Veterinary Hospital in city this morning by the Mysuru Dog Breeders Welfare Association. Picture right shows Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. C.P. Thimmaiah and team vaccinating the pets.

Mysuru, Sept.19 (RKB&AK)- A free vaccination drive for pet dogs was held at the Government Veterinary Hospital located on Manandawadi Road near Chamundipuram here today by the Mysuru Dog Breeders Welfare Association.

The free drive received an overwhelming response from the pet owners of the city. More than 300 pet dogs of different breeds were vaccinated at the drive launched by MLA S.A. Ramdas.

Dog breeds like Golden Retriever, Labrador, Shih Tzu, Beagle, German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Pug, Dachshund and others were given two vaccinations in the drive. The first vaccination was Megavac, which controls seven diseases caused to pet dogs while another one was for Rabies. Interestingly, pet stray dogs were also vaccinated at the drive.

Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. C.P. Thimmaiah and Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department Dr. Shadakshara Murthy were monitoring the camp. Veterinary Doctors of private hospitals Dr. Mahesh, Dr. Ramachandra and others were treating the dogs.

BJP leader and Hon. President of Mysuru Dog Breeders Welfare Association B.P. Manjunath, speaking to *SOM* said, "In the COVID times, humans became cautious and took COVID vaccines to save their lives. But most of them neglected over the safety of dogs, so in order to create awareness about the importance of dogs this free vaccination drive is organised. Happy to see such a good response from the pet owners of the city."

Association President Kumar, Vice-President Manikanta, Secretary Ganesh Raj, office-bearers Dileep, Vinay and others were present at the camp.

Thousands appear for SDA exam at 42 centres in city

Mysuru, Sept.19 (MTY&DM)- Thousands of candidates appeared for the written exam conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for appointment as Second Division Assistant (SDA) / Junior Assistant posts in Karnataka Government service, today at 42 centres across the city, with all COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures in place.

The Government had issued the notification for appointment of over 1,200 vacancies of SDA/ Junior Assistant posts earlier this year. The exam, which was initially scheduled to take place on Mar.20 and 21, 2021 was postponed to Sept.18 and 19 due to the pandemic.

Today, the exam was held at 42 centres, with over 16,000 candidates having registered at Mysuru Centres. The Centres included St. Joseph's School and Mahajana College in Jayalakshmipuram, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School in Vijayanagar, Government PU College in Vontikoppal, Sri Cauvery Educational Institutions in Kuvempunagar, Gopalaswami College in Lakshmipuram, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Marimallappa School and Teresian PU College.

The exam had three papers — Compulsory /Mandatory Kannada (Paper-1) of descriptive type for 150 marks, General English/ General Kannada (Paper-II) and General Knowledge (Paper-III), both objective type carrying 100 marks each.

Only candidates with a valid online printed hall ticket were allowed to enter the exam hall. The candidates who qualify in today's written exam will become eligible for further selection process.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, who is District-in-Charge for the conduct of exam, visited some of the Centres and supervised the conduct of exams. Mahesh Kumar, a KPSC Official from Bengaluru, functioned as the Nodal Officer for Mysuru Centres.

The City Police had clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in 200 mt.radius of all the Centres for ensuring smooth conduct of exams. Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the Centres were asked to shut down for the day.

Yesterday (Sept.18), Kannada exam for specific category of candidates was held at two centres in city — Maharani's Arts College for Women on JLB Road and Adhyayana School on Adishakti Road in Shaktinagar, which was attended by over 400 candidates.

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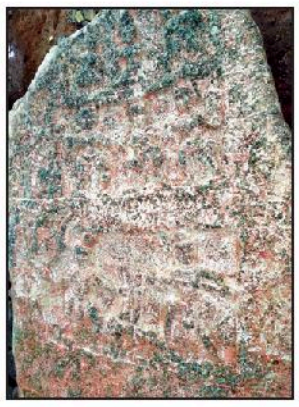
Hero Stones of Huchhagani

Demolished Nanjangud Temple stood on a site of immense archaeological value



By Dr. S.G. Ramadasa Reddy

Huchhagani village is in Mysuru district, Nanjangud taluk, Hullahalli hobli, within the limits of Haradanahalli Gram Panchayat. It is 30 km from Mysuru and 28 km from Nanjangud. If River Kapila flows in its east, river Bhrugu flows in its west. It has a 3,000-year-old history belonging to Megalithic culture. Burial and other antiquities found in the area are worthy of a serious study.

Five hero stones belonging to the Ganga Dynasty of the 9th and 10th centuries and Hoysalas of the 11th and 12th centuries were found by our study team. Adishakti Mahadevamma Temple, said to be built during the Chola period, is found in the south of Huchhagani village.

With the cooperation and help of the villagers, particularly **Narasime Gowda, K. Raju, Kenche Gowda, H.N. Nagannа, Ragendra** and others, the Government First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, conducted the successful study. The team consisted of the **author** who is the head of the History Department, research scholar **B.S. Charan Kumar** and **NSS volunteer N.L. Puneet Kumar.**

These Megalithic remains and unique artefacts are found in the banana orchard of late Shivanna and late Maddur Basappa. Around the burial site, black and red pottery pieces used for household purposes, pieces of iron slag and iron ore are found on the surface of the soil.

Idols of Adishakti Mahadevamma and Bhairaveshwara at Adishakti Mahadevamma Temple in Huchhagani.

According to the villagers, underground granaries called 'hagevu' are found. All these conclusively prove that it is human habitation from ancient times cultivating the land, preparing iron implements for agricultural purposes, storing their produce in the underground granaries. Further historical studies are necessary to understand the history of the place.

A visit to the demolished Adishakti Mahadevamma Temple with the cooperation of the local people revealed a temporary *sanctum sanctorum* where the idols of Adishakti Mahadevamma and Bhairaveshwara are placed. These idols are decorated with metal masks or 'mukhavada.' Sri Narasime Gowda opined that these idols were consecrated during the Chola period.

As these idols are covered with metal masks, the style of architecture could not be seen. So far no inscriptions are found in the village regarding the date and period of the Temple. However, *Epigraphia Carnatica* Volume-3 illustrates that Nanjangud and its environs were under the rule of Chola kings of the 11th and 12th centuries.

The village elders state that in the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Temple and tall idols of Adishakti Mahadevamma and Bhairaveshwara idol next to it were donated by donors. Narasime Gowda believes that initially the Adishakti Mahadevamma Temple was a small Temple structure with the idols of Adishakti Mahadevamma, Bhairaveshwara and a few hero stones. When the bigger Temple structure was planned and constructed, the idols and the hero stones were retained.

Today, big hero stones are lying outside the demolished Temple structure. These five 'penbayalu veeragallu', 'turugol veeragallu', 'veera masti kallu' throws light on the history of Gangas and Hoysalas. It may be surmised that Huchhagani village was a place of human settlement from Stone Age to the present times. The hero stones and other artefacts throw light on Vaishnava faith.

In this context, it is obligatory on the part of the departments concerned and the local people to conserve and protect them for posterity. In today's mechanised world that uses heavy machinery for construction and developmental works like road laying etc. there is an urgent need to sensitise and educate all — from supervisors to workers and the general public — about such places of importance and archaeological significance.

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Megalithic remains and unique artefacts that are found in the banana orchard of late Shivanna and late Maddur Basappa.

Regularisation of unauthorised temples

MLA Ramdas to move Private Member's Bill

Govt. to reconstruct Huchhagani Temple

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (BCT)- While criticism is heaped on the BJP Government for allowing the demolition of centuries-old Huchhagani Adishakti Mahadevamma Temple in Nanjangud and the Government representatives actively countering the attack blaming the fiasco on the official machinery, party MLA S.A. Ramdas has decided to move a Private Member's Bill in the Assembly to enact the 'Karnataka Regularisation of Unauthorisedly Constructed Hindu Temples Act, 2021.'

S.A. Ramdas

The BJP MLA will move the Bill on Sept. 23. Speaking to reporters at a private hotel in the city yesterday, Ramdas said that the aim of the Bill is to regularise unauthorised temples. "I have already brought this to the notice of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and the Bill will be taken up for discussion on Sept. 23. I will request Congress members, including Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah and D.K. Shivakumar and JD(S) members H.D. Kumaraswamy and H.D. Revanna to support the Bill," he said.

Stating that the Bill has been planned to harmonise social relationships and religious feelings of people, Ramdas said, "The absence of a law to regularise Hindu temples has resulted in demolition of a few. In other States, Temples are protected from demolition through a separate law or rule."

"Temples are cultural centres and there is a need to codify such Temples and their properties and regularise them. This Bill consists of 10 major sections, including constituting a competent authority in each taluk to receive applications for regularisation of unauthorised Temples, consider all records and recommend further action," he said.

The Bill allowed shifting of those Temples which cannot be regularised or cause grave inconvenience to the public. "The Private Member's Bill can be passed in the Assembly or can be converted into a Government Bill and the Government can get it enacted after discussing it in the Assembly — a decision which will have to be taken by the CM. I will withdraw the Bill if the Govt. decides to come out with a new Act," he explained.

Meanwhile, State BJP President Nalin Kumar Kateel has said that the State Govt. would reconstruct the Nanjangud Temple within the legal framework. Speaking to media persons, in Davanagere yesterday, he said that the Temple demolition issue would be discussed in the ongoing BJP State Committee meeting and Executive Committee meeting in Davanagere.

"The Government is looking into the documents of the land on which the Temple stood and will be rebuilt on the same location," he added. Even BJP National General Secretary Incharge of Karnataka BJP Arun Singh said that the party will rebuild the Temple. "We believe in building and preserving Temples, not demolishing them. We will rebuild the Temple on the same spot," he said.

Elephant pedicure inside Mysore Palace; formal rehearsals from tomorrow

Inside the Mysore Palace, Dasara elephants are bathed and groomed. They are taken to water ponds where they are bathed and mahouts use brushes made out of coconut fibre and coir to brush their bodies. Elephants enjoy being clean and constant rubbing ensures that ticks and other insects do not infect their bodies. They often lie down or stretch out (rear legs bent, front legs extended) so their keepers can hose off and scrub their backs. After cleaning, they are taken on a walk and later are fed with nutritious food to cope up with the strenuous routine. The formal rehearsals with sandbags for the grand spectacle will begin inside the Palace from tomorrow. Before rehearsals at 11.30 am, pujas will be performed and the actual rehearsals will begin at 12.10 pm.

After six years gap...

Four from State selected for NSS National Award

Bengaluru, Sept. 19 (KMS&DM)- Minister for youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda said that four personalities from the State have been selected for the prestigious NSS National award this year.

In a press statement issued here yesterday, Narayanagowda said that the State has got the award after a gap of six years.

The award winners are **Dr. B. Vasanth Shetty** (NSS Programme Co-ordinator of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru) - University category; **Sureshappa K. Sajjan** (NSS Programme Officer, JSS Banashankari Arts and Commerce College, Dharwad) - College category; **Sirish Govardhan** (A volunteer of K.S. Institute of Technology, Bengaluru) - National-level Volunteers category; **Bindia Shetty** (A volunteer from Govind Das College, Surathkal, Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada district) - Volunteers category.

Noting that none from the State were selected for the award in the past 6 years, the Minister has complimented all the winners for their achievement.

Award winners will receive the award from the President of India at the NSS Foundation Day programme to take place at Rashtrapathi Bhavan in New Delhi on Sept. 24, the statement said.

Four Palace elephants to be rehabilitated in Gujarat

(Continued from page 1)

The decision has been taken keeping in mind the health of the elephants that have been stationed inside the Palace since decades. The female elephants do not have male companions and keeping a constant eye on their health is turning out to be a tough affair.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore*, Kamala Karikalan said that the communication from the Centre stated that a report must be submitted on the health of all the six elephants. "DCF (Wildlife) Dr. V. Karikalan will have to certify their health condition and a letter will be written in this regard," she said.

Rescued from Gemini Circus

The elephants were rescued from Gemini Circus decades ago following a Court order. Animal rights activists had petitioned the Court where they claimed that the elephants were being tortured in the name of entertainment. The Court had ordered the Forest Department to take over the elephants.

Following the Court order, the then scion of Mysore royal family Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had volunteered to take care of the elephants and accordingly, they were sent to the Palace. The elephants were one of the main tourist attractions inside the Palace and they were being used for "elephant safari" where tourists had an opportunity to ride on them and experience royalty.

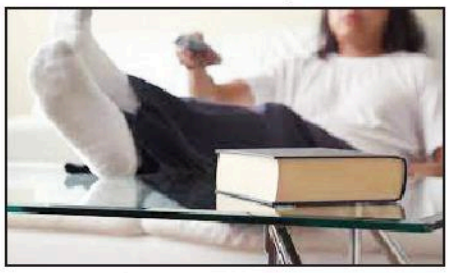
In March 2017, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar had asked the Forest Department to take back three elephants due to administrative inconvenience as there were problems with a few elephant handlers who were not doing a proper job of looking after the elephants.

Though many letters were exchanged between Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and the Forest Department, the elephants remained inside the Palace due to bureaucratic tangles and other issues. Now Pramoda Devi has consented to the Government move to shift the elephants.

It takes anywhere between Rs. 7 lakh and Rs. 8 lakh to maintain an elephant every month. The salary of Mahouts and Kavadis is Rs. 40,000 per month and it amounts to Rs. 2,40,000 per month. Also there are other requirements like food, medication and overall health.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sedentary



Pronunciation: SED-un-tair-ee.
Meaning: Sedentary describes an activity in which much sitting is involved.
Origin: Sedentary comes from Latin sedēre, meaning "to sit." Other descendants of sedēre include dissident, insidious, preside, reside, and subsidy. Sedēre is also the base of the rare sedens, a noun meaning "a person who remains a resident of the place or region of his or her birth."
Example: "A sedentary lifestyle could increase your levels of exhaustion. Luckily, small changes in your daily life can impact your activity levels for the better. Taking the stairs instead of taking the elevator, and adding a daily walk can make you feel more energized...." — Maria Loreto, LA Weekly, 9 Aug. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Sadogue

Fat; easy-going person.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

A slap on the wrist

Meaning: The phrase 'A Slap on the Wrist' means to get a light punishment (for doing something wrong).
Origin: If you've done wrong and are caught, you probably feel fortunate to get away with just a slap on the wrist. The origin of the idiom 'a slap on the wrist' is probably 18th century England, as it was in this place and time that the word 'slap' began to be used not just literally, but figuratively. As punishments were often quite severe in those days, a slap on the wrist would have been considered to be extremely minor.
Example: "He should be in jail for what he did, but he got off with just a slap on the wrist."

QUOTE BOX

Honesty: what a refreshing slap in the face it is. **— Timothy M. Brenner**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

KNOCK
EFFECT

Answer: Knock on effect.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
4 Animal foot
8 Double-reed woodwind instrument
12 Travelling salesman, in short
13 Hairstyle
14 Fairly hot or not so cold?
15 Famous Hindi movie of days gone by - "An a" anagram?
16 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
17 Western mil. alliance
18 Cower
20 Ministry of Radio Industry
22 Leak through
25 Peruvian Indian
28 Happens to, archaically speaking?
31 Once more
33 Spanish cheer
34 Cereal grass
36 Satellite Data Unit
37 See or observe
40 Ship's winding gear
43 Close to
44 Make or become silent
45 Greek vowel
47 Strange and weird
51 The first king of Phliasia
54 Playback singer ___ Nigam
57 Sense of self
58 Pompeii's bane?
59 __ on a person's toes: offended his feelings or privileges?
60 Popular girl's name - "Nan" anagram?
61 Equitable or blonde
62 Othello's false friend
63 Prefix involving reversal of action or state

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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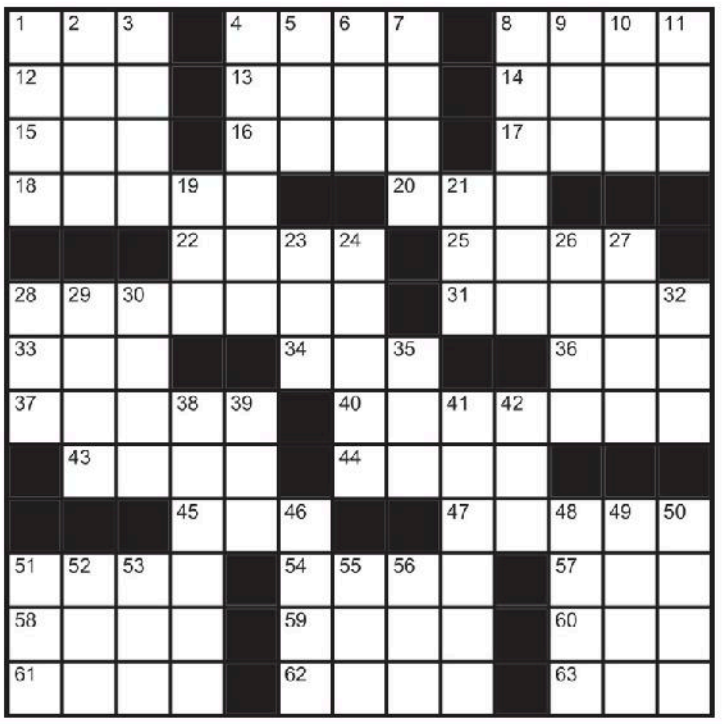
DOWN
1 Baghdad is the capital city of this country
2 Male admirer
3 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
4 Called to, praised or lauded
5 Many a time to the poet
6 Raw metal
7 Mould into shape
8 Having possession
9 Bleat of a sheep
10 Owner Requirements Table
11 Comedian Philips
19 Pakistan's intelligence agency
21 Inlet for "air" change!
23 Ever, poetically contracted
24 ___ out : make nervous ?
26 ___ aside : reject or discard?
27 Operatic lady
28 Obeisance or curtsy
29 Dash or zest
30 Head of Paris
32 Convent dweller
35 Water in France
38 His wife, it's said, is above reproach?
39 Hormone replacement therapy, abbr.
41 False; counterfeit
42 Pronoun for a girl
46 Italian wine
48 Peruse
49 Prefix meaning "fire"
50 Many millennia
51 Alfred's pet name
52 Regional Airline Assoc.
53 Bird: prefix
55 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
56 A wooden block built into a masonry wall so that joinery structure can be nailed to it



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	7	4	1	9	6	2	8
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2	8	1	9	3	5	7	6	4
9	3	4	6	7	1	2	8	5
7	6	8	1	5	4	3	9	2
5	4	2	3	9	6	8	7	1
1	9	3	8	2	7	5	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U NUP STHPQC STUS WF NLBSTHPV TUKJ

ELKJC TG BPJGKCSUPJC TUKJ STHPVC.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Don't Breathe 2 (E) - 4 shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Edu Nanna Mane (K) - 4 shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 9900820093
Seetimaarr (Te) - 4 shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta) - 4 shows

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199
Lanke (K) - 4 shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Lanke (K) - 4 Shows

Uma Theatre Ph: 2520009
Mafia Bigg Boss (H) - 4 shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Shang-Chi & Legend of Ten Rings (E-2D)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 6.20 pm
Old (E)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Don't Breath 2 (E)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Thalaivi (H)	(S-2)	6.05 pm
Chaddi Dost Kaddi Alladusbutta (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Jigri Dosth (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Gally Rowdy (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Free Guy (E)	(S-4)	11.10 am, 1.40 pm 4.05 pm, 6.25 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Free Guy (E)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 12.50 pm 3.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Don't Breathe 2 (E)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 6.40 pm
Old (E)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 6.35 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am
Gally Rowdy (Te)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Shang-Chi & Legend of Ten Rings (E)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 3.35 pm
Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
Jigri Dosth (K)	(S-4)	12.35 pm
Chaddi Dost Kaddi Alladusbutta (K)	(S-3)	12.25 pm

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Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 1.50 pm, 5.25 pm
Don't Breathe 2 (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.15 pm, 3.55, 6.35 pm
Fast and Furious 9 (E)	:	11.40 am
Free Guy (E)	:	12.15 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm
Old (E)	:	12.35 pm, 6.15 pm
Chaddi Dost Kaddi Alladusbutta (K)	:	2.50 pm
The Croods: A New Age (E)	:	2.55 pm
Malignant (E)	:	3.25 pm
Gully Rowdy (Te)	:	5.30 pm
Shang-Chi & Legend of 10 Rings (E)	:	6.00 pm

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Gally Rowdy (Te)	:	11.05 am
Chaddi Dost Kaddi Alladsbutta (K)	:	2.30 pm
Fast & Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	5.40 pm
Dont Breathe 2 (E)	:	9.45 am, 4 pm, 6.40 pm
Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta)	:	12.25 pm, 5.25 pm
Free Guy (E)	:	11.35 am, 2.30 pm, 5.50 pm
Old (E)	:	3.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Jigri Dosth (K)	(S-1)	11.15 am
Chaddi Dost Kaddi Alladusbutta (K)	(S-1)	3.15 pm
	(S-2)	11.00 am
Sahodarara Savaal (K)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
	(S-2)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-2)	6.00 pm
Free Guy (E)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 4.00 pm
Don't Breathe 2 (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 6.30 pm
Kodiyil Oruvan (Ta)	(S-4)	2.30 pm, 5.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

IPL 2021

CSK Vs MI in UAE leg opener this evening

Dubai, Sept. 19- A little over four-and-a-half months since the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 season was suspended owing to the COVID-19 second wave in India, the season is set to resume on Sunday, this time in the UAE.

The Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians (MI), record five-time winners of the Tournament and Champions in the last two editions, will take on M.S. Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on the opening day of the UAE leg at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. When the season had

been suspended in May, CSK were second in the IPL points table with 10 points from 7 games while the title holders were a couple of points behind in fourth.

Having won 4 of their 7 games, MI will look to bolster their playoff hopes with a win today, which will put them level on points with CSK. With skipper Rohit joining MI's training after he completed a mandatory 6-day quarantine, having returned from the cancelled Manchester Test against England, the side has received a timely boost ahead of the UAE leg opener.

The Pandya brothers — Hardik and Krunal — could be key to MI's chances in the remainder of the season while Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult will be expected to lead the attack. Rohit, Quinton de Kock, Suryakumar Yadav and Kieron Pollard, among others, will be expected to shoulder the team's batting hopes.

For CSK, the target would be to continue from where they left in the first half of the season. Veterans M.S. Dhoni and Suresh Raina bring some serious experience to the batting line-up while Lungi Ngidi will hope to shine with the ball.

Ruturaj Gaikwad had an impressive first half of the campaign and expectations will be high from the 24-year-old batsman. Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul Thakur will be expected to contribute with both bat and ball.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 19)

- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Babukodi B.V. Karanth Ranga Pratishtana:** Bharatiya Rangasangeetha - Natakotsava, Ranga Bheeshma B.V. Karanth Ranga Namana, unveiling of B.V. Karanth's bust by Veena Sharma Bhoosanurmath, Director, National School of Drama (NSD), Bengaluru, M. Jagannath Shenoi, Industrialist, Mysuru, inaugurates the Festival, releasing of B.V. Karanth's autobiography 'Elliralare allige hogalare' by S. Rangappa, Director, Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru, **5 pm;** Sufi Gayana by Mukiyar Ali and troupe, Rajasthan, B.V. Karanth Ranaga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Modi Yug Utsav:** Modi @ 71 - Azad Bharat @ 75 - Swarna KR, cultural programme, folk songs/ dance, **5.30 pm;** Devotional songs by Rajesh Padiyar and troupe, Park in front of MLA S.A. Ramdas' home-office, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** B.V. Karanth's birth anniversary, presenting of Theatre Songs and staging of Dr. Girish Karnad's play 'Hayavadana' by Sanchalana, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of play 'Manavemba Markata' based on J.B. Prestly's 'An Inspector Calls,' translated to Kannada by H.K. Ramachandra Murthy, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 20)

- **Department of Computer Applications, JSS Science & Technology University (JSS STU):** AICTE-ATAL 5-day online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'An insight into Biometrics for Digital Forensics,' Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Addl. Director and Scientist E, Ministry of Electronics and IT GoI, Delhi, chief guest, Dr. S.B. Kivade, Principal, SJCE, Mysuru and Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, Mysuru, guests of honour, Dr. Vilas V. Karjinni, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, Mysuru, will be present, **10 am;** Shubhamangala Sunil, CEO & Founder, GCSRT Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, talks on 'Digital Forensics and Biometrics in Cyber Security,' **12 pm to 1.30 pm;** Dr. B.S. Harish, Professor, JSS STU, Mysuru, talks on 'Biometric Traits and their Challenges, [Online Link: ***https://meet.google.com/csk-ycez-bwc***], **2.30 pm to 4 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Bombe Mane, expo of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Indian Art and Craft House and Festiworld:** Exhibition-cum-Sale of handlooms and handicrafts from across India, Open Ground near Apollo Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Shilpam Art and Craft:** Silk and Cotton, Handicrafts and Handloom Expo, Open Ground beside Shiva Shakti Kalyana Mantapa, near Highway Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
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- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Babukodi B.V. Karanth Ranga Pratishtana:** Bharatiya Rangasangeetha - Natakotsava, Ranga Bheeshma B.V. Karanth Ranga Namana, 'Lavani K Rang' by Shakuntalabai Nagarkar, Kali Billi Production, Pune, B.V. Karanth Ranaga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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